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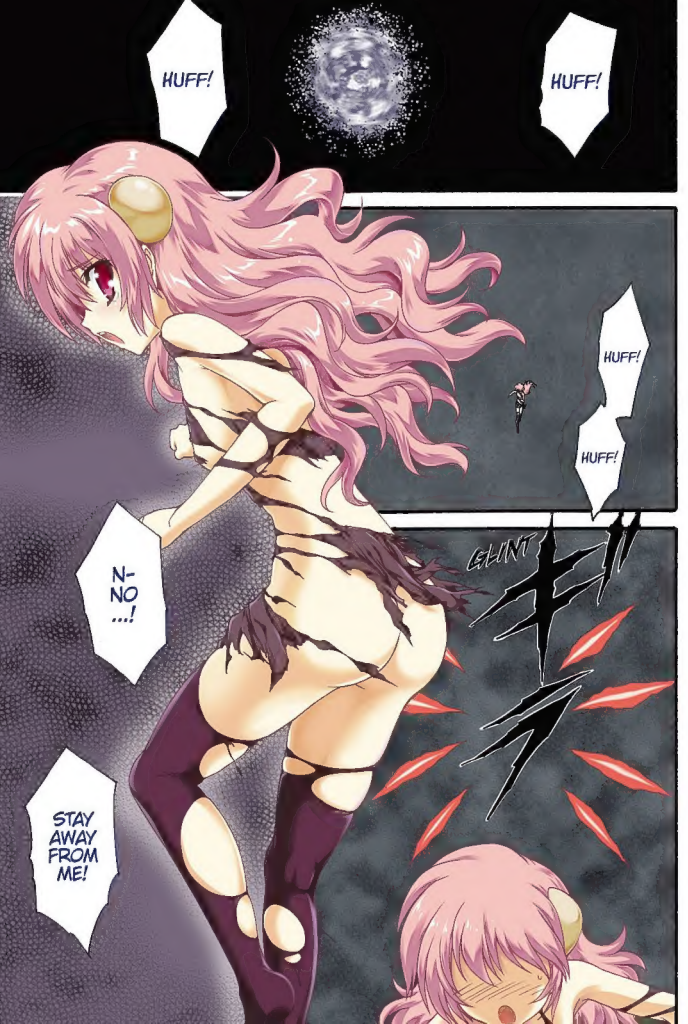
HUFF!
HUFF!
HUFF!
HUFF!
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N-NO ...!
STAY AWAY FROM ME!

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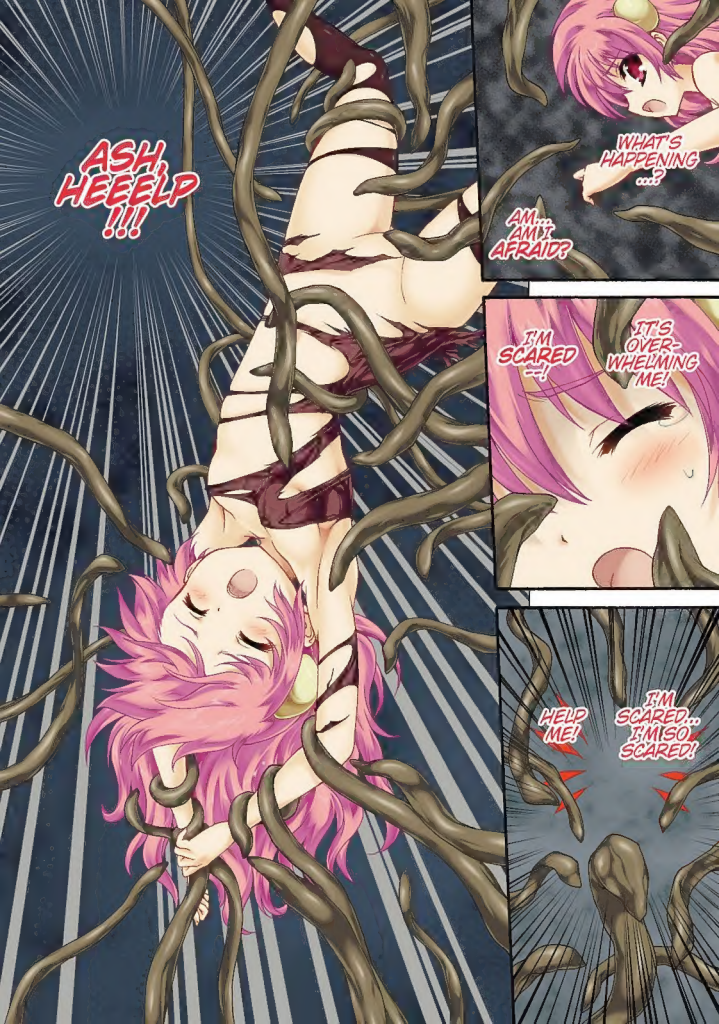
ASH, HEEELP !!!
WHAT'S HAPPENING ...?
AM... AM I AFRAID?
I'M SCARED...!
IT'S OVER-WHELMING ME!
HELP ME!
I'M SCARED... I'M SO SCARED!

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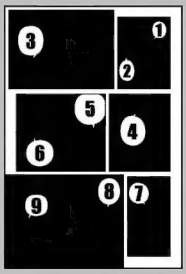


Dragonar Academy
Cast of Characters

Ash Blake

A first-year Senios (upperclassman) at Ansullivan Dragonar Academy. He has the gift of riding any dragon. He's partnered with the young dragon Eco.

Eco

Despite her appearance, Eco is a dragon--and Ash's Steed! She's young and inexperienced, but was still able to craft an Ark for him.

Sylvia Lautreamont

The fourth princess of the Knightdom of Lautreamont. Known as the Ice Blue Princess, she is partnered to the Maestro dragon Lancelot.

Rebecca Randall

A third-year student at Ansullivan Dragonar Academy, and president of the student council. She's the school's most gifted Dragonar, and rides the Maestro dragon Cuchulainn. She's called the Scarlet Empress.

Veronica Lautreamont

The first princess of the Knightdom of Lautreamont, and Sylvia's eldest sister. She is a tremendous hero, and is called the Iron Blooded Valkyrie. She takes pride in her status as an unequaled, undefeated warrior.

Jessica Valentine

A first-year Senios at Ansullivan Dragonar Academy, and a childhood friend of Rebecca's. Since discovering Ash's identity as the Silver Knight, she's been trying everything she can think of to get close enough to him to bear his offspring.

Navi

A mysterious entity who appears in the Dragon's Workshop, a shared space constructed by the Holy Dragons long ago. Navi helps Eco build an Ark, and has been appearing in Ash's dreams.

Milgauss

A soldier from the Zepharos Empire, Milgauss attacked Ash during the Dragonar Festival of Aries. His true identity and motivations are shrouded in mystery.

Anya

A girl who works alongside Milgauss. As an operative for the Empire's intelligence service, she is currently undercover in the knightdom.

DRAGONAR ACADEMY

THE STORY SO FAR

Ansullivan Dragonar Academy: a school for boys and girls who've made pacts with dragons! Ash Blake is a student at the academy, but he's an embarrassment to the school--even though he has a Star Mark (the symbol of his pact), his dragon has yet to be born.

While Ash was participating in the Dragonar Festival of Aries, he was attacked and nearly killed by a man who seemed to be an imperial soldier. With Ash moments away from death, his Steed finally awakens. However, unlike all the other students' Steeds, Ash's dragon, who he names Eco, has the shape of a young human girl.

"YOU ARE NOT MY KEEPER! I AM YOUR KEEPER!!!"

SMILE

Ash and Eco try to settle into daily life together, but their efforts are thwarted when the town is attacked by a Necromancia! Ash, armored by the Ark Eco created for him and wielding the holy blade Aix-les-Bains, is able to counter the Necromancia's assault and protect Ansullivan!

FWOOM!

Working with Rebecca and Glenn, Ash infiltrates the church, and is once again able to save the day with the help of the Ark created for him by Eco.
FWP
Their brief respite is shattered by the arrival of a notorious activist and terrorist, Avdocha the Executioner. Avdocha takes possession of a church and takes its occupants as hostages--including Princess Sylvia!
YEAH...
"WITH THIS ICE ARK, I'M SHUTTING DOWN YOUR ASSAULT ON OUR TOWN!! MANIFEST THYSELF, ARK GUN OF THE ABSOLUTE GLACIER! THY NAME IS BRIONAC!!"

星刻の竜騎士

HOW COULD YOU STAY AWAY WHEN THIS IS HAPPENING TO YOUR MASTER?!
DRIP
WHY DIDN'T YOU COME FOR ME ...?
SNIFFLE!
UNH...
THE REALITY IS, HE'S THE MASTER...
BUT I KNOW THE TRUTH:
NOW...
VMMM
AND I'M...
DAUGHTER OF AVALON!
LET'S SETTLE THINGS ONCE AND FOR ALL...

HEY...!
WAKE UP.
WAKE UP, WILL YOU?
NNH ...?
FIDGET
ECO, WHAT'S GOING-- HUH? IS THAT MY SHIRT?
FIDGET
W-WELL, SEE... UM...
IN MY BED, I.... SORT OF...
UH..
?
!
OH ...!

I'D NEVER LET YOU SEE THAT!
How embarrassing!
AREN'T THEY JUST A CRYSTALLIZATION OF YOUR EXCESS MAGIC?
HOW COME?
WH-WHY WOULD YOU MENTION THAT?!
HEY, ECO! I JUST REALIZED I'VE NEVER SEEN YOU SECRETE DRAGON CRYSTALS.
WE HAD A CONVERSATION LIKE THIS RECENTLY, DIDN'T WE?

I-I CAN'T HELP IT!!
THERE... THERE'RE THINGS I CAN'T ALWAYS CONTROL!
GOTCHA.
SO YOU WET YOURSELF A LITTLE, HUH?
URK!

LIQUID? I THOUGHT IT WAS SOLID!
THAT'S SO MESSED UP! AND HOW DO YOU CARRY LIQUID AROUND, ANYWAY?

YOU WHAT?!
HUH?
UH...IT'S NOT THAT UNCOMMON, ECO.

WELL, DON'T WORRY. HUMANS AREN'T GONNA BE BOTHERED.
I MEAN, WE CARRY THE STUFF AROUND LIKE A LUCKY CHARM!

WHAT THE HECK DO YOU THINK WE'RE TALKING ABOUT?!!
HUH ...?

BUT YOU'RE MY STEED.
CLASP
I KNOW HUMANS AND DRAGONS DON'T ALWAYS SEE THINGS THE SAME WAY.
OKAY, LOOK.
I'M NOT GONNA BE BOTHERED...
BY ANYTHING YOU SECRETE.
YOU... YOU MEAN IT?
O-OKAY...
OKAY, LET'S SEE WHAT WE'VE GOT.
WELL, OF COURSE!
ACK!

I JUST TOLD YOU THAT!
WHAT THE HECK?! YOU WET THE BED?!
I THOUGHT YOU MEANT DRAGON CRYSTALS!
STILL WARM
WAFT WAFT
GONG
WH-WHAT?!
CR... CRYST... ?!!
WHAM
ドゴ
THAT'S LIKE A MILLION TIMES MORE EMBARRASSING!!
HUH? HOW CO--
GAH!

AAAAAAHHHH!!
CRAAASH
WHO'S MAKING THAT RACKET SO EARLY...?
OKIE-DOKIE, NEW GIRL! THIS WAY!
COMING!
THIS IS LA TENU--- THE STUDENT DINING HALL.
YOU'LL BE WORKING HERE STARTING TOMORROW, ALL RIGHT?
OKAY!
BEAM
BEAM
THIS IS PERFECT!
YEARS OF PRACTICE FAKING SMILES!
HA!
THE PEOPLE IN THIS KNIGHTDOM ARE SO GULLIBLE!!
BY INFIL-TRATING THIS ACADEMY...
CLENCH
I'M GOING TO MAKE UP FOR ALL MY FAILURES!

IT WAS SHEER LUCK THAT I CROSSED PATHS WITH THE SILVER KNIGHT IN THAT CHURCH.
WE ARE...
BUT NOW I KNOW...
THE SILVER KNIGHT!!!
BLENDING IN WITH THE HOSTAGES WASN'T THE SAFEST MOVE EVER...
THE SILVER KNIGHT'S NAME: ASH BLAKE--!!
IT WAS A SHOCK TO SEE AVDOCHA THE EXECUTIONER IN THE FLESH.
SHE'S FAMOUS EVEN AMONG THE TANTAROS TRIBE...!
BUT THE MAIN THING IS, I'M GOING TO LEARN EVERYTHING THERE IS TO KNOW ABOUT YOU, SILVER KNIGHT!
ANYA?
READY!
HELLO? ANYA?
BOO!
EEEEP!!

So... many ways...
.....
THIS WOMAN IS...
SO FEMININE, IN SO MANY WAYS.
TH-THMP
TH-THMP
N-N-NO, IT WAS MY FAULT TOO...!
AWWW, SORRY! I COULDN'T HELP IT! YOU LOOKED SO CUTE!
HEY...
ANYA, DO YOU HAVE A BOYFRIEND?
BUT THAT'S FINE! IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH MY MISSION HERE!
A-A BOY-FRIEND?!
WELL, THERE'S MILGAU--LIM!
IMAGINE
IMAGINE
IMAGINE
NO! I DON'T!
JOLT
Yiiikes!

WAIT, WHAT --?!
WHY WOULD I IMAGINE HIM AS WELL AS MILGAUSS?!
HUH...?
NO, HUH? I SEE.
THAT'S GOOD.
DON'T LET A LITTLE THING LIKE THAT INFLUENCE YOU, ANYA!
BONK
BONK
Aaaargh!
SO WHAT IF HE SAVED MY LIFE?!
AND THEN, ADDING INSULT TO INJURY ON THEIR WAY OUT, ALL "HOPE YOU FIND SOMEONE SOON TOO, BOSS"!!
I'VE STILL GOT TIME! IF BEING SINGLE'S OKAY FOR PRINCESS VERONICA, IT'S GOOD ENOUGH FOR ME!!
MEEP!
THE NERVE! QUITTING BECAUSE THEY'RE GETTING MARRIED! CAN YOU IMAGINE?!!
WHAM
SO YOU'RE NOT LIKE THOSE JERKS!

timid
timid
OH, RIGHT! I HAVEN'T EXPLAINED THAT YET.
WHY ARE THINGS SO BUSY RIGHT NOW?
Hee hee hee...
OH, DON'T MIND ME.
IT'S JUST STRESSFUL TO LOSE STAFF AT SUCH A BUSY TIME OF YEAR.
THE INVITATIONAL TRAINING CAMP IS COMING UP SOON! IT'S A SCHOOL TRADITION.
IT TAKES PLACE AT A BOARDING HOUSE ON THE SHORE OF LAKE ALLONNES.
ONLY THE FIFTY STUDENTS WITH THE HIGHEST GRADES IN THE SCHOOL GET TO PARTICIPATE.
OH, WOW! THAT SOUNDS AMAZING!
AND OF COURSE, ONE OF US GOES ALONG TO TAKE CARE OF MEALS AND FOOD PLANNING.
OH!
THE HIGHEST GRADES?!
THEN THE SILVER KNIGHT IS ALMOST GUARANTEED TO BE THERE!!

BOSS!!
I WOULD LOVE TO TAKE ON THAT JOB! COULD I BE THE ONE TO GO?!
AHH... REALLY? USUALLY PEOPLE FIGHT NOT TO GO, SINCE IT'S SO MUCH WORK.
THAT WORKS FOR ME!
WELL, IN THAT CASE...
THERE! THAT'LL LOOK MARVELOUS ON YOU!
?
GIVE ME JUUUUUST ONE SEC, OKAY~? ♪
W-WAIT! LIM....!!

I PREFER NOT DRAWING ATTENTION TO MYSELF ...!
OH, NO, THAT WON'T DO! OUR UNIFORMS ARE VERY POPULAR AMONG THE STUDENTS! ♪
JUST LOOK!
THOSE HARDWORKING STUDENTS NEED ALL THE MOTIVATION WE CAN GIVE THEM! ♡
AHHH!
NOOO!! DON'T TOUCH ME--!!
NOT THERE! ANYWHERE BUT THERE!!
DON'T --!!! ♡
IF THE SILVER KNIGHT DOESN'T TURN UP FOR THIS "CAMP" I'LL NEVER FORGIVE HIM!!
ACHOO!

WEIRD. WHY AM I SNEEZING IN THE SUMMER?
HEY, YOU SICK OR SOMETHING?
DON'T GIVE IT TO ME!
IT'S NOTHING!
COME ON! IF WE DON'T HUSTLE, WE'LL BE LATE FOR THE ASSEMBLY!
I KNOW.
BUT I'M TOTALLY JEALOUS OF THAT, DUDE.
THAT.
IF YOU'RE SO WORRIED ABOUT BEING LATE, LEAVE THE LAUNDRY TO ME!
I'D DO ANYTHING FOR A FRIEND!
SMILE
THAT'S LIKE GIVING A BURGLAR A KEY TO MY ROOM.
I HEAR THE SKFC* KICKED UP A FUSS.
BUT SERIOUSLY, EVEN JESSICA VALENTINE'S ON THE STUDENT COUNCIL NOW, HUH? WHY DOES ALL THE GOOD STUFF HAPPEN TO YOU?
REBECCA BROUGHT HER ON BOARD SO SHE WOULDN'T BLAB ABOUT MY IDENTITY.
*Silver Knight Fan Club
STAND
WELL, EVERY SINGLE MEMBER OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL'S PRETTY MUCH GUARANTEED A SPOT IN THE TRAINING CAMP, INCLUDING HER.
I'M SO JEALOUS.
NAH.

HEY, THAT SOUNDS GOOD TO ME...
OLD BUDDY.
NOT EVERY MEMBER.
HOW ABOUT YOU 'N ME DRINK THE NIGHT AWAY, HMM?
WHILE THEY'RE ALL OFF TRAINING
SURE.

A CHANGE OF UNDER-WEAR.
I DON'T HAVE...
YOU IDIOT--!
COME SAVE ME IN MY DREAMS, BUT...
PLIP
YOU DIDN'T EVEN...
STUPID SLAVE DOG!
TCH.
PANG
I'M THE ONE WHO'S ACTUALLY BEING TAMED HERE.
I KNOW THAT...

THAT, AND...
SHAKE
SHAKE
"LET'S SETTLE THINGS ONCE AND FOR ALL...
.....
"DAUGHTER OF AVALON!"
"AVALON" ...?

Chapter XVII
Rebecca's Dangerous Command

YEAH, YEAH.
I KNOW.
HURRY AND SIT DOWN, WILL YOU?
OHHH, MAN! I LOVE SUMMER UNIFORMS!!
THE LIGHTER UNIFORMS ARE AWESOME...
BUT MY STAR MARK MEANS--
I know you've all been waiting for this announcement..
And it's time to announce who's been chosen for this year's invitational training camp!!
All right, everyone!
Let's get this morning assembly underway!

GULP...
First off, from the Senios...
Third-year Rebecca Randall!!!!
THANK YOU, SIR!
THERE WAS NEVER ANY DOUBT SHE'D BE CHOSEN.
HA!
YOU'VE SURE GOTTEN CLOSE WITH HER, HUH?
YOU'RE SOOOOO LUCKY!
From the Senios first-years, Her Royal Highness Sylvia Lautrea-morrt!!
YES, SIR!
SHE'S SO GALLANT...!
HAVE YOU GONE AND FALLEN FOR HER?

OF COURSE NOT! OUR SOCIAL POSITIONS ARE WAY TOO DIFFERENT.
BUT RUMOR HAS IT SHE'S DROPPED HER GUARD...
NORMALLY, I'D SAY THAT'S A DEAL-BREAKER...
HEY!
DON'T EXPECT ME TO THANK YOU!
N-NAH, WE'RE JUST BOTH ON THE COUNCIL.
FOR ONE PERSON— AND THAT'D BE YOU.
THAT'S WHAT I'D LIKE TO THINK!!
First-year Senios Maximillian Russell!
First-year Senios Jessica Valentine!
AND SINCE I'M A SENIOS TOO...
IF THEY CALL MY NAME, IT'LL BE RIGHT ABOUT NOW...
Now, moving on to the students from the Yunios.
NO SURPRISE THERE.

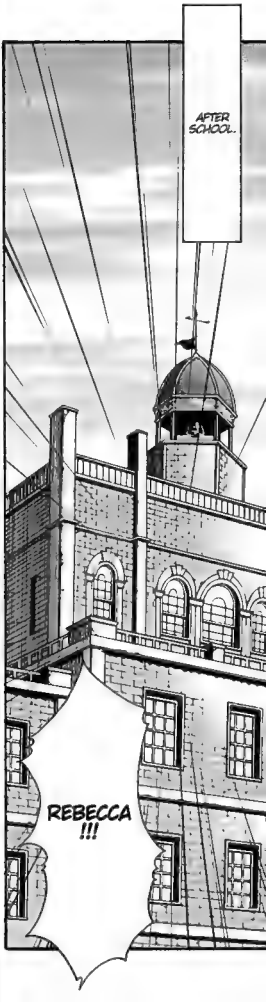
IT WAS A NICE DREAM WHILE IT LASTED.
Ha ha!
This year, only one Yunios student has been selected
Third-year Yunios Lucca Sarlinen!
GASP
SERIOUSLY? YOU'RE IN CHARGE OF GENERAL AFFAIRS!
DON'T YOU KNOW WHO SHE IS?
UH... NOPE, I'VE NEVER MET HER.
I'VE NEVER EVEN HEARD HER NAME BEFORE.
WHY WOULDN'T THEY?
IT'S LUCCA SARLINEN!
HUH ...?
WHY'S EVERYONE GETTING ALL WORKED UP...?

WELL, HERE'S WHAT I CAN TELL YOU.
SHE'S ONLY A YUNIOS, BUT HER OVERALL AVERAGE IS THE FIFTH-BEST IN THE SCHOOL.
ON TOP OF THAT, SHE'S THE YOUNGEST PERSON EVER TO BECOME A DRAGONAR, AND SHE BROKE EVERY RECORD REBECCA SET.
ALL OF REBECCA'S RECORDS ...?
BUT STILL, ISN'T EVERYONE OVER-REACTING?
THERE'S GOTTA BE MORE TO IT.
THERE IS. SHE'S PROBABLY OUR THIRD MOST FAMOUS STUDENT, AFTER REBECCA AND THE PRINCESS...
BUT SHE'S MISSED A TON OF CLASSES LATELY.
WHY ...?
Settle down! Yes, we're aware that Lucca has been absent due to health issues. As you can see, she's not here today.
However, her academic achievement and overall performance thus far have been exemplary, earning her a place in this year's camp.
Now, as for our final selection...

First-year Senios..
Ash Blake!
As of this year, there'll be a "special recommendation" student chosen by the student council.
Ash, is the first recipient of this honor.
That concludes our assembly.
Congratulations to this year's chosen students!!

WELL, HELLO THERE.
I HAD A FEELING YOU'D BE STOPPING BY, ASH.

CALM DOWN, ASH. TAKE A DEEP BREATH AND COME SIT BY ME.
WHY?! WHY DID YOU PICK ME...?!


AFTER SCHOOL.
REBECCA !!!

REMEMBER WHAT I TOLD YOU BEFORE?
SITTING BESIDE ANOTHER PERSON LETS YOU UNDERSTAND THEM BETTER.
OKAY. UH...
glance
RECEIVING THAT RECOMMENDATION IS BOTHERING YOU, ISN'T IT?
I'LL BE HONEST WITH YOU.
THE WHOLE PROCESS WAS MY IDEA.
HUH?!
WHY?!
HMM.
I THINK YOU AND I SHOULD TRY TO GROW CLOSER, YOU SEE.

THAT WAY, I WOULDN'T HAVE TO SPELL OUT MY REASONS...
FOR EVERYTHING I DO, WOULD I?
SIDLE
!
FRET FRET
HMM.
.....
YOU HAVE A GIFT.
TH-THMP
TEE HEE!
WELL, THIS WILL DO TOO. I'LL EXPLAIN.
BUT IT'S AN ABILITY SO FAR OUTSIDE THE NORM...
THAT UNDER OUR CURRENT SELECTION CRITERIA, YOU'D NEVER QUALIFY.

S-SO... YOU REALLY DID IT FOR ME?
.....
I THOUGHT ABOUT THAT, AND ABOUT HOW...
I WANT THAT GIFT OF YOURS BADLY.
YOU KNOW...
UNTIL NOW, I'D NEVER BEEN ATTRACTED TO A SINGLE BOY.
THEY ALL HAD SUCH ORDINARY ABILITIES.
NONE OF THEM COULD EVER HOPE TO RIVAL ME.
WH-WHAT —?
BUT YOU...

WITH YOU, I FEEL LIKE I CAN HAVE MUCH, *MUCH* HIGHER EXPECTATIONS.

RE-
REBECCA ...!
T-T-T-T-MP.
T-T-T-T-MP.
AH --!!
HEY! STOP SHOVING, WOULD YOU!?
HMMPH
GAH!
EEEEEK!
TUMBLE TUMBLE
PRINCESS?! JESSICA?!!

REBECCA!! TODAY OF ALL DAYS, I WON'T FORGIVE YOU!!!
WON'T FORGIVE ME FOR WHAT?
WHAT ARE YOU TWO DOING?!
IT'S NOT WHAT YOU THINK! SHE GRABBED ME OUT OF NOWHERE!
FOR SEDUCING...
MY ASH!!!

OF COURSE, THAT'S NO GUARANTEE...
OF WHAT MIGHT OR MIGHT NOT HAPPEN IN THE FUTURE.
.....
ASH DOESN'T BELONG TO ANYONE.
AND I CAN'T SAY I RECALL SEDUCING HIM.
AHH! I KNEW IT!!
BUT GOOD GRIEF, LADIES.
I'D APPRECIATE IT IF YOU COULD ACT IN A MANNER BEFITTING MEMBERS OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL.

WHAT IS IT, MAX?!
F-FIRE...!
PANT PANT
MADAM PRESIDENT!!!
WHAM
WE'VE GOT TROUBLE!!!
IT SEEMS SMALL, BUT THERE'S SMOKE COMING FROM...
ONE OF THE GIRLS' DORMS--- MEDB HOUSE!
!!
IT LOOKS LIKE IT'S IN LUCCA SARLINEN'S ROOM...!!

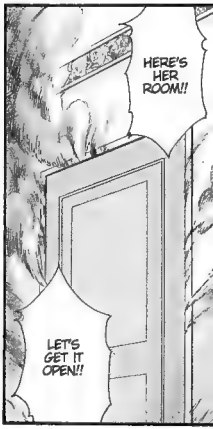
SUMMON THEE!!
MMMM
CÚCHULAINN! I, REBECCA RANDALL...
I'LL HEAD STRAIGHT THERE!
DASH
COME ON, ASH!!
REBECCA!!
ROAR
WE'RE GOING TO MEDB HOUSE TOO!!!
Max gets stuck house-sitting
SLUMP

IS LUCCA STILL IN HER ROOM?!
I- I THINK SO...! PLEASE HELP HER!
WE'RE GOING IN!!
TMP
TMP
TMP
RE-BECCA...
CAN I ASK YOU SOME-THING?
WHY HAS LUCCA BEEN MISSING CLASS SO MUCH LATELY?

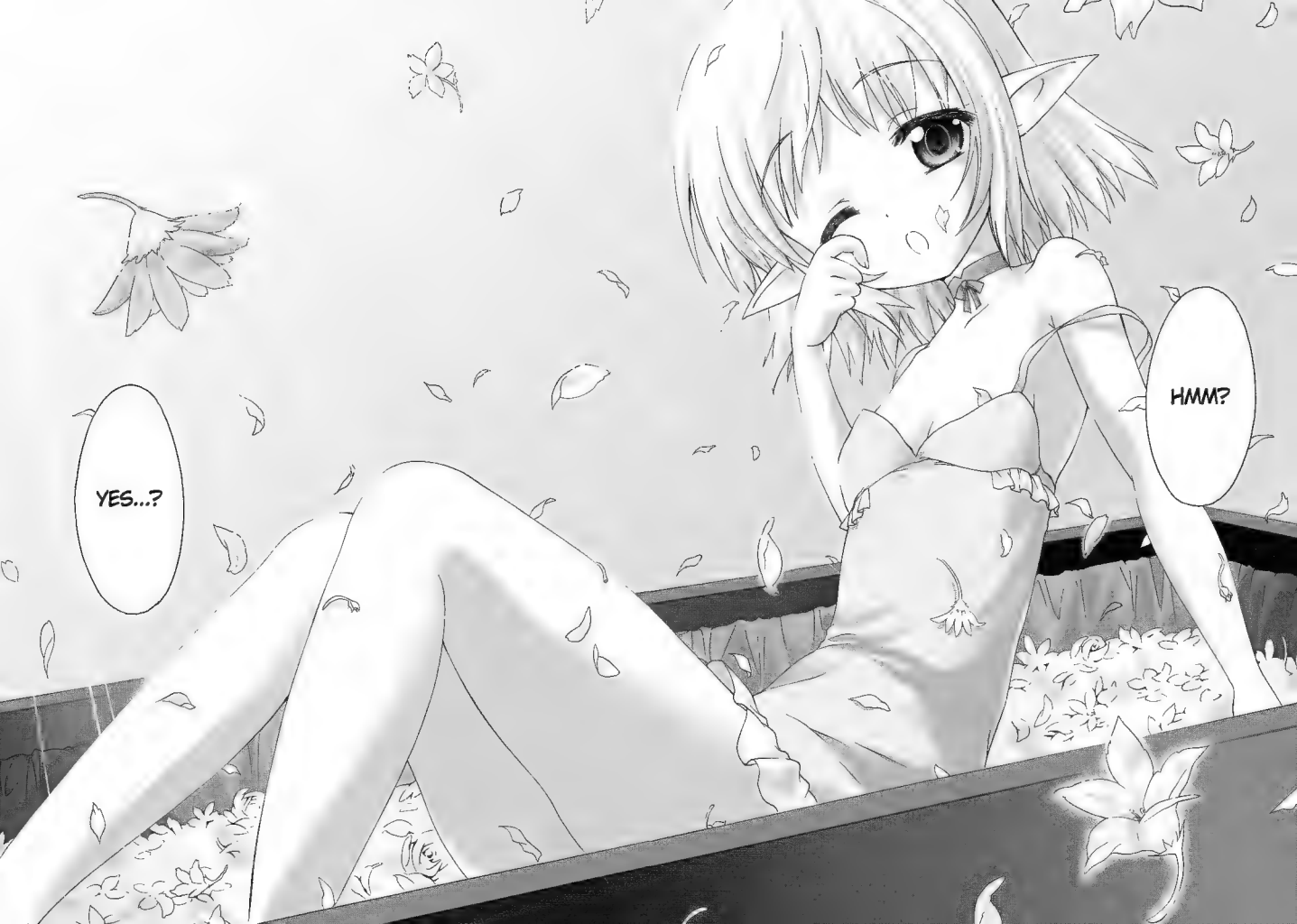
WHAT ...?
LUCCA'S GOING THROUGH A VERY DIFFICULT TIME.
WHY DO YOU THINK?
HOW WOULD YOU FEEL IF YOU WERE A DRAGONAR WHO STOPPED BEING ABLE TO RIDE YOUR STEED?

THAT'S A HORRIBLE THOUGHT.
BUT THAT'S WHY WE'RE IN A HURRY TO CHECK ON HER.
Y-YOU DON'T THINK SHE DID SOMETHING DRASTIC —?!

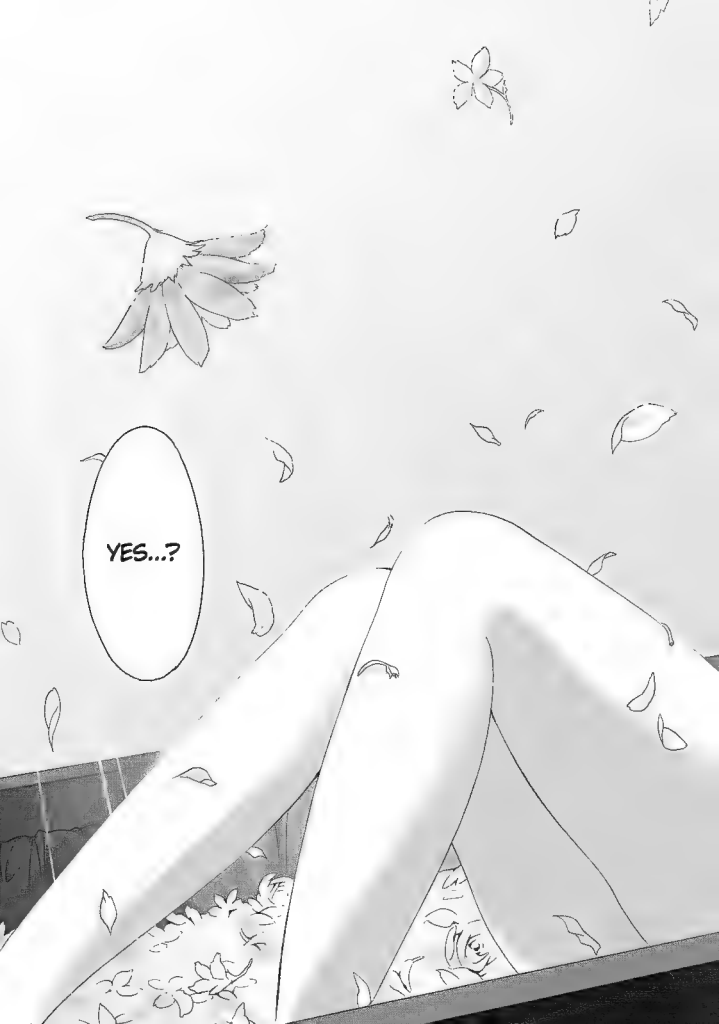
ANSWER ME!!
LUCCA!!


HERE'S HER ROOM!!
LET'S GET IT OPEN!!

FLOOR
THIS IS A GIRL'S ROOM ...?
A...
A COFFIN?!
LOOK! IS THAT --?!
IT CAN'T BE, CAN IT?!
LUCCA !!!


YES...?
HMM?

HMM?


YES...?

CLOSE
IS SOME-THING WRONG?
LUCCA --!!
REBECCA...

PERK
I SEE.

FWEW
SO...
ALL THE SMOKE WAS COMING FROM YOUR INCENSE BURNER?
YEAH...
TURN
KNEEL
I'M SO SORRY...
FOR CAUSING ALL THIS TROUBLE.

IT'S AN EXCELLENT MULTIPURPOSE DESIGN, SINCE YOU CAN LATER USE IT FOR YOUR FUNERAL!
IT'S A TRADI-TIONAL EKBLATT STYLE!
WELL, HONESTLY!! AND WHAT'S WITH YOUR BED?!
UM, EXCUSE ME, BUT I THINK THE PRESIDENT IS THE ONLY ONE HERE WHO KNOWS YOU. CAN YOU TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF??
HOW IS THAT EXCELLENT DESIGN?!
SOLIDS DOWNRIGHT HORRID.
THIS IS LUCCA SARLINEN, EVERYONE.
AS YOU'VE PROBABLY GATHERED, SHE'S FROM EKBLATT.
YOU'RE SHY AS EVER, I SEE.
WELL, YOU MAKE TEA, AND I'LL MAKE THE INTRO-DUCTIONS.
SHE'S RIGHT...
LUCCA.
.....
rummage rummage
.....
LET ME...
MAKE SOME TEA.

THE PEOPLE OF EKBLATT...
ARE ALSO KNOWN AS...
THE "FOREST FAIRIES," BECAUSE OF THEIR BEAUTY AND BECAUSE THEY'VE ALWAYS LIVED IN THE WOODS.
THEY'RE FAMOUS FOR THEIR WISDOM AND THEIR MASTERY OF HERB LORE. BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY...
THEY'RE KNOWN FOR PRODUCING TONS OF DRAGONARS.
THEY'RE WARRIORS.

YOU MIGHT ALSO SAY THEY'RE A BIT OF AN ANACHRONISM.
?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

AND NOW, LUCCA IS OUR ONLY STUDENT FROM EKBLATT.
THAT MEANS HER PEOPLE HAVE EXTREMELY HIGH EXPECTATIONS OF HER.

AS YOU LIKELY KNOW, PLENTY OF HEROIC SAGAS HAVE BEEN WRITTEN ABOUT THE DRAGONARS OF EKBLATT.
BUT AS THE DRAGONS HAVE DWINDLED IN NUMBER, SO HAVE THE DRAGONARS.

AT ANY RATE, LUCCA IS ONLY FOURTEEN YEARS OLD.
MY HOPE IS THAT SHE CAN LIVE A FULL, CAREFREE LIFE HERE, RATHER THAN BEING BOUND BY HER PEOPLE'S EXPECTATIONS.
EVER SINCE DRAGONARS WERE THROWN INTO BATTLE, OTHER PEOPLE OF THIS GENERATION HAVE PRAYED FOR THEIR CHILDREN TO NOT BECOME BREEDERS.
IN THAT THEY'VE CONTINUED TO HOLD DRAGONARS IN THE HIGHEST ESTEEM.
LUM... PRINCESS?
OH! S-SORRY, I GOT CARRIED AWAY.
BUT THAT'S APPALLING !!!
YOU'RE SAYING THE PEOPLE OF OUR KNIGHTDOM NO LONGER RESPECT DRAGONARS --?!!
STAND

WAFT
.....
PAD
PAD
IT'S NOTHING FANCY, I'M AFRAID...
PUNGENT
I- INTERESTING! WHAT KIND OF TEA IS IT?
Hmm--
IT'S AN ORIGINAL BLEND, SO IT DOESN'T HAVE A NAME.
!
PERK
IT BOOSTS YOUR STAMINA, THOUGH.
DID YOU HEAR THAT? STAMINA!!
PLEASE HAVE MINE TOO, ASH!
AND THEN, IF YOU'D KINDLY GIVE ME YOUR SEED--!!

HOW HAVE THINGS BEEN?
.....
NO CHANGE, I'M AFRAID.
UGH, YOU'RE SO SHAMELESS!
SIGH.
SO, LUCCA.
A WOMAN OF OUR KNIGHTDOM SHOULD HAVE MORE DIGNITY!
ANY IDEA WHAT CAUSED THAT?
I HEARD YOU CAN'T RIDE YOUR STEED ANYMORE.
I... I DON'T KNOW. AND THAT'S NOT QUITE RIGHT.
?
IT'S THAT HE...
IT'S NOT THAT I'M UNABLE TO RIDE HIM, EXACTLY.

MY GAWAIN...
WON'T LET ME RIDE HIM ANYMORE.
.....
HE... HE WHAT?!
GAWAIN BEGAN TO REJECT LUCCA THREE MONTHS AGO.
THAT MEANS SHE HASN'T BEEN ABLE TO ATTEND CLASS.
SO FAR, NO ONE'S COME UP WITH A SOLUTION.
AND THAT MEANS THE REST OF US CAN'T DO ANYTHING TO HELP, EVEN THOUGH WE'RE BREEDERS TOO...?
UNFORTUNATELY, WE ALSO CAN'T AFFORD NOT TO DO ANYTHING.

IF THINGS CONTINUE THIS WAY...
GAWAIN WILL DIE BEFORE TOO LONG.
WITH EACH DAY THAT PASSES WITHOUT THE ASTRAL FLOW BEING REPLENISHED, GAWAIN GROWS WEAKER.
A-ARE YOU SAYING --?!
THE ASTRAL FLOW THAT JOINS THEM TOGETHER IS NEARLY GONE.
CLENCH
THE ASTRAL FLOW IS THE BOND THAT CONNECTS THE MASTER WITH THEIR STEED.
BUT IF IT FADES AWAY...

AND I WAS HELPLESS TO DO ANYTHING...
ECO MAY NOT LOOK LIKE A DRAGON, AND I CAN'T RIDE HER...
I CAN IMAGINE HOW SHE FEELS.
I KNOW HOW I'D FEEL, ANYWAY.
BUT IF THE SAME THING HAPPENED TO US...
BUT WATCH HER WASTE AWAY, I... I...!

WHAT KIND OF FUTURE ARE WE FACING...?
THE NUMBER OF DRAGONS AND DRAGONARS...
IS GETTING SMALLER AND SMALLER.

DRAGONAR
ACADEMY

星刻の竜騎士

OPEN
.....
NNH ...
NNGH ...
RUSTLE
LEAN
Chapter XVIII
Man and Dragon

SO...
MEAT SERVANT.
DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO SAY FOR YOURSELF?
EEEEEEEEEK!
WHAM
CRACK
WHIP

BUT SNEAKING INTO YOUR KEEPER'S BED? REMEMBER YOUR PLACE, DOG!
BAD ENOUGH YOU HAVE THE NERVE TO STAY OUT SO LATE...
S...
SORRY ABOUT THAT.
I- I COULDN'T JUST LEAVE YOU LIKE THAT.
LIKE WHAT?
I MET A GIRL NAMED LUCCA EARLIER.
SOMETHING TERRIBLE HAPPENED BETWEEN HER AND HER STEED...
AND WHEN I SAW YOU LIKE THAT, I GOT WORRIED.
HUH...?
YOU... YOU SEEMED LIKE YOU WERE HAVING A BAD DREAM OR SOMETHING.

.....
BUT...
I GUESS I SCREWED UP, HUH? SORRY.
R... RIGHT.
HMM?
THAT'S RIGHT!!
I'M YOUR STEED! THAT MEANS YOU HAVE TO COME SAVE ME EVEN IN MY DREAMS, UNDERSTAND?!
Sob..
sniffle
ECO...

I- I CAN STILL FEEL THOSE TENTACLES--
BUT... BUT IT FEELS FAMILIAR, TOO. LIKE I USED TO KNOW IT, SOMEHOW...?
SO IN THE DREAM, YOU'RE BEING ATTACKED BY SOMETHING EVEN WORSE THAN A NECROMANCIA?
DON'T FORCE YOUR-SELF.
ECO...
UH-HUH. ALL I KNOW IS IT HAS NINE EYES, AND... AND I DON'T RECOGNIZE IT...
CAN YOU LET ME DO THAT FOR YOU, JUST THIS ONCE?
I BET YOU'LL BOUNCE BACK IN NO TIME. THIS IS YOU, AFTER ALL.
I HAVE A LITTLE SISTER.
WHEN WE WERE KIDS, I USED TO SLEEP BESIDE HER WHEN SHE HAD SCARY DREAMS.

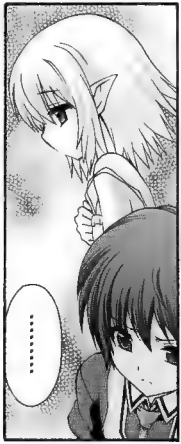
YEAH.
I'LL BE RIGHT HERE.
YOU'D BETTER STAY RIGHT BESIDE ME, OKAY?
.....
THE NEXT DAY. THE SCHOOL'S DINING HALL, LA TENU.
ARE YOU SERIOUS ?!

YES.
THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT I'M ASKING.
YOU WANT ME...
TO RIDE GAWAIN ?!
OF COURSE, WE'LL DO OUR BEST TO KEEP YOU OUT OF ANY UNNECESSARY DANGER.
I'M SURE YOU CAN DO IT, ASH! YOU'RE THE SILVER KNIGHT!
BUT --!
HI THERE! READY TO ORDER?
!!
IS SOMETHING THE MATTER?
NO, WE'RE FINE. AND YES, WE'RE READY.

N-NOTHING!
DOG! JUST WHAT ARE YOU STARING AT?!
BACK TO THE MATTER AT HAND.
MAYBE I'M IMAGINING THINGS.
IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME, I'LL GET THAT STARTED.
GLANCE
HUH? SHE LOOKS FAMILIAR. HAVE I MET HER?

YES.
IT'S HARD TO DESCRIBE.
YOU TOLD ME THAT YOU FELT THE DRAGON'S EMOTIONS FLOWING INTO YOU.
WHEN YOU RODE THE NECRO-MANCIA...

ALL RIGHT.
I'LL GIVE IT A SHOT!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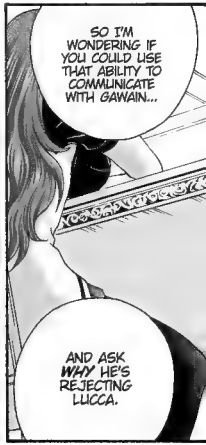
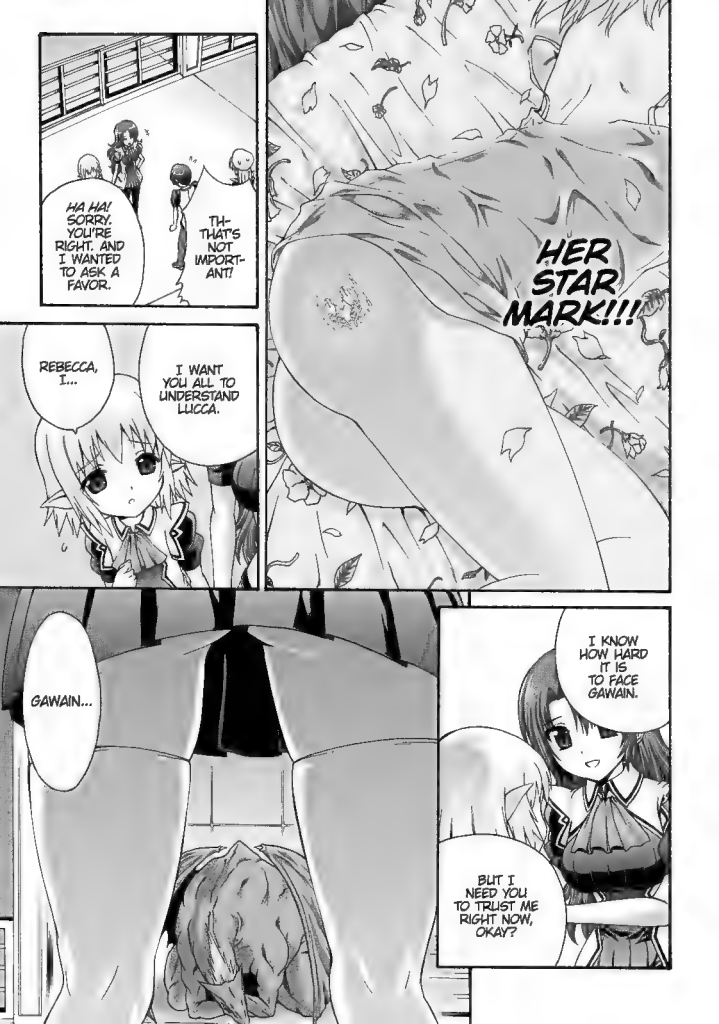

SO I'M WONDERING IF YOU COULD USE THAT ABILITY TO COMMUNICATE WITH GAWAIN...
AND ASK *WHY* HE'S REJECTING LUCCA.

THE SEVENTH DRAGON BARN.
AH! SPEAK OF THE DEVIL.
WHAT'S TAKING ASH AND THE OTHERS SO LONG?
S-SORRY WE'RE LATE. HUFF HUFF...
WE MANAGED TO... BRING LUCCA...
WAS IT DIFFICULT TO PER-SUADE HER?
YES.
VERY!
Heh heh!
AT FIRST, IT TOOK FOREVER TO WAKE HER FROM HER NAP, AND THEN WHEN SHE DID WAKE UP...
GAH!
WHO'S THERE?
THE PRINCESS TOOK IT KINDA HARD.
IS THAT YOU, JOHNNY?
HOW CAN THERE BE A STUDENT HERE WHO DOESN'T RECOGNIZE ME ON SIGHT...?
HOW CAN I EVER FACE MY SISTER AGAIN...?
MUTTER MUTTER

SHE STARTED LICKING MY PRECIOUS HORNS WHILE SHE WAS STILL HALF ASLEEP!!
NOO-OOO --!
ANYTHING BUT MY HORNS ...!
HEY! IT WAS WAY WORSE FOR ME!!
I WOULDN'T HAVE EXPECTED ECO TO BE SO THROWN...
TH-THMP
TH-THMP
WHY, YOU!
THEY HAVE A LOVELY, CLASSIC FLAVOR.
HER... HER...
TH-THMP
TH-THMP
MAYBE EVEN HER STAR MARK?
AND WHAT ABOUT YOU? YOU DIDN'T SEE TOO MUCH EXPOSED SKIN, DID YOU?
HUH?!
TH-THMP


HA HA! SORRY. YOU'RE RIGHT. AND I WANTED TO ASK A FAVOR.
TH-THAT'S NOT IMPORT-ANT!
HER STAR MARK!!!
REBECCA, I...
I WANT YOU ALL TO UNDERSTAND LUCCA.
GAWAIN...
I KNOW HOW HARD IT IS TO FACE GAWAIN.
BUT I NEED YOU TO TRUST ME RIGHT NOW, OKAY?

PLEASE...
WON'T YOU COME BACK TO ME...?
HMPH!
LUCCA !!
DASH
DON'T GO YET.
!

STRIDE
I'M GOING TO TRY REACHING HIS HEART.
SO WOULD YOU MIND WAITING HERE UNTIL WE SEE IF IT WORKS?
I KNOW I'M JUST A STRANGER TO YOU AND GAWAIN...
BUT I CAN'T JUST TURN MY BACK ON A PROBLEM BETWEEN A MASTER AND A STEED.
WHAT...
WHAT ARE YOU?
DOG...
GAWAIN, I'M SORRY ABOUT THIS...
BUT I'M GONNA GET YOU TO GIVE ME A RIDE.

ECO...
WOULD YOU MIND SUMMONING AN ARK FOR ASH?
HUH?
YOU WANT ME TO WHAT?
PLEASE.
I HAVE A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS.
PART
LET'S DO THIS...
!!
VWMMM
WHOA --!!
GAWAIN !!
HA!

GAWAIN !!
STOP IT! DON'T HURT HIM!!
R-REBECCA --!
WHAT'S GOING ON WITH THIS DRAGON ?!
YEAH, HE'S WEAKENED, BUT HE'S RESISTING WITH EVERYTHING HE'S GOT!
AAAUGHH?!
HE'S DESPERATE .....!!!!

COUGH ...!
WOBBLE
HEH... NO SURPRISE THERE.
DOG --!
ASH!!
SLAM!!

ANSWER ME!
IF YOU WEREN'T STUBBORN TO THE BONE...
WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS...?!
YOU'D NEVER BE ABLE TO REJECT AN EARNEST GIRL LIKE LUCCA.

WOB BLE...
IF YOU TWO HAD A CONFLICT LIKE THIS, I'D TRY TO FIX THAT, TOO.
THINK ABOUT HOW MUCH YOU ADORE LANCELOT, PRINCESS.
YOU IDIOT! STOP THIS RIGHT NOW!!
HOW MUCH PUNISH-MENT CAN YOU--?!
YOU ...?
ECO, PLEASE!
YAAAAH!!
OH, FOR --!!
EVERYONE THINKS THEY CAN CONTROL ME AROUND!!

AFTER THIS...
YOU ALL OWE ME, NOT JUST MY PET MONGREL!!
Almete, Gorjal, Peto, Espaldar!
Brafoneras, Faldaje, Escarcelas, Bufetas!
Hombreras, Brazales, Codales, Antebrazos!
Manoplas, Quijotes, Guardas, Grebas!
Escar-pes...
LEAP
ESPO-LON!!!

THANKS ...
ECO!!!
FWOOOSH

GAH --!
FWOOO

GAH
--!

FWOO

ASH!!
DOG --!!
SO THAT'S...
HONEST-TO-GOODNESS DRAGON'S BREATH, HUH?
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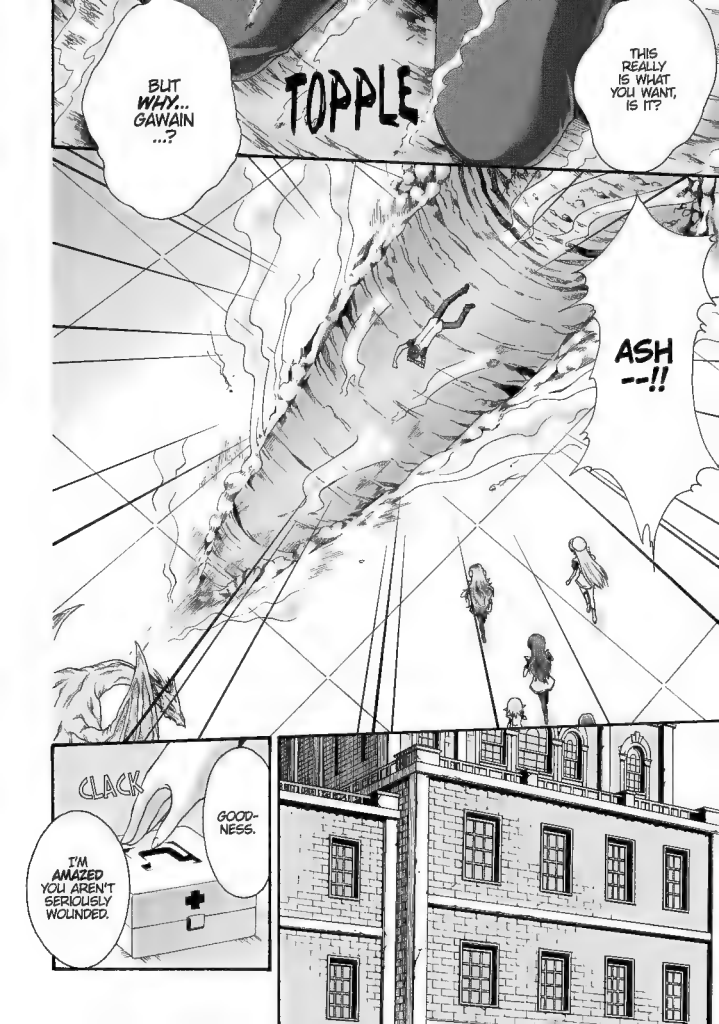
IT'S WAY STRONGER THAN WE LEARNED IN CLASS...
FWOOSH
SHING
HIS ARK --!
SO...


BUT WHY... GAWAIN ...?
TOPPLE
THIS REALLY IS WHAT YOU WANT, IS IT?
ASH --!!
CLACK
GOOD-NESS.
I'M AMAZED YOU AREN'T SERIOUSLY WOUNDED.

I REALLY WANTED TO SEE ECO PRODUCE ANOTHER ARK!
OF COURSE I'M DISAP-POINTED!
SIGH...
SORRY, DID I DISAPPOINT YOU BY NOT BEING MAIMED, DOC?
AND DESPITE EVERYTHING... I FEEL LIKE GAWAIN WAS STILL HOLDING BACK.
WITHOUT THAT ARK, I'D BE DEAD NOW.
LIKE HE WAS TRYING NOT TO HURT LUCCA OR ANYONE ELSE.
BUT HE SURE IS AMAZING, HUH?
HONESTLY, I DON'T THINK HE WAS TRYING TO KILL ME.
AND SINCE LUCCA'S AMAZING TOO, THINK HOW GREAT THEY'D BE TOGETHER IF--

HEH!
YOU KNOW, YOU SOUND TO ME LIKE YOU'RE IN A FUNK.

ARE YOU JEALOUS OF THEIR REMARKABLE PARTNERSHIP?
NO, THAT'S NOT IT.

WASN'T IT YOU TWO...
WHO BESTED ME ONCE?

WHAM
ECO?!
STUPID DOG!!

DOC...

I JUST CAME TO GET YOU! WE'RE LEAVING FOR OUR TRAINING CAMP THIS AFTERNOON!
I-I'M NOT HERE BECAUSE I'M WORRIED OR ANYTHING, OKAY?!
S-SORRY... OH! PRINCESS, YOU'RE HERE TOO?
WHAT ARE YOU THINKING?!
.....
JUST BECAUSE THAT STUPID COPIED ARK GOT ALL MESSED UP?! OF COURSE NOT!!
THAT'S RIGHT. THIS IS NO TIME TO FEEL ALL DEPRESSED, IS IT?
AN ORIGINAL ARK?
HUH?!
NEXT TIME I'LL MAKE YOU A MUCH, MUCH, MUCH BETTER ONE!

LET'S GO.
IT'S ALMOST TIME TO LEAVE.
I'D NEVER GIVE SOMETHING LIKE THAT TO YOU!!
Oww!
N-NO WAY! NEVER!
HA HA HA!
SPECIALLY RECOMMENDED PARTICIPANT ASH BLAKE.
WE'VE ALL BEEN WAITING...

I...
I REALLY WAS CHOSEN TO PARTICIPATE, WASN'T I...?
YOU OUGHT TO HOLD YOUR HEAD UP AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF ANSULLIVAN DRAGONAR ACADEMY.
.....
YOU TOO, LUCCA.
.....
ABOUT YESTERDAY...
I'M SO SORRY.
ME TOO. I'M REALLY SORRY I COULDN'T HELP.
APPARENTLY WHEN LUCCA SAW YOU IN ACTION, SHE DECIDED SHE NEEDS TO GIVE HER ALL, TOO.
I...
EVEN IF I CAN'T RIDE GAWAIN...
I'LL STILL PARTICIPATE IN THE TRAINING CAMP!

THE REGULAR STUDENTS ALL LEFT A LITTLE WHILE AGO.
I CAN GET A RIDE WITH RAYMOND.
Why do I have to be included in this?

SO! WE HAVE A WHOLE TRIO WHO CAN'T RIDE DRAGONS.
ARE THERE ANY VOLUNTEERS TO CARRY THEM?

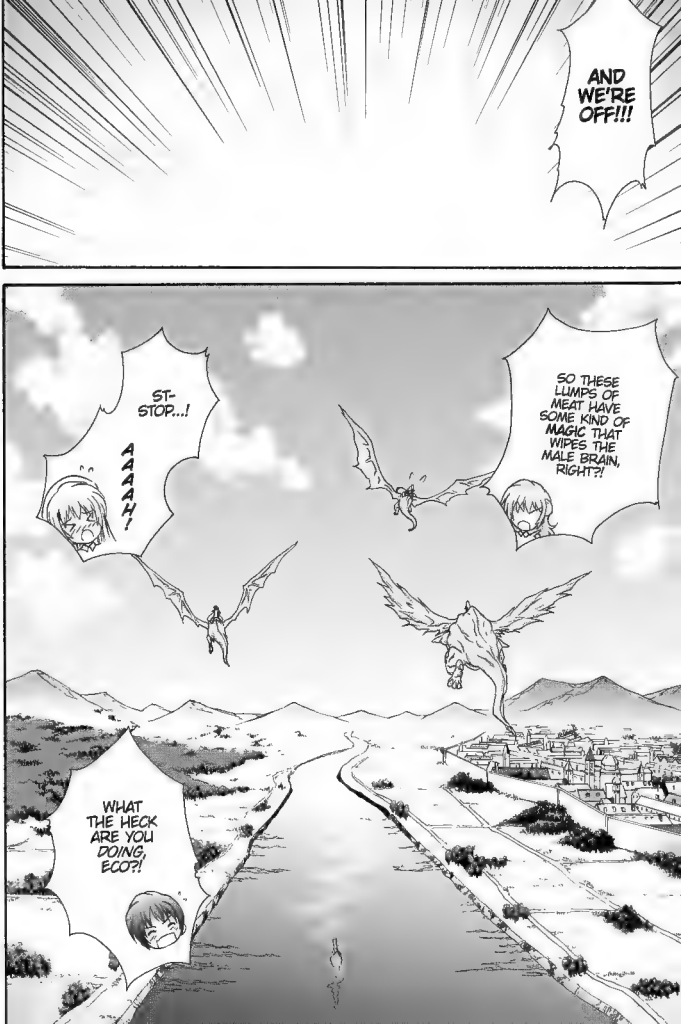
OH NO, NO! HE'S ALL MINE!!
THESE HIPS WERE *MADE* FOR ASH TO WRAP HIS LEGS AROUND!
WH-WHAT?!
YOU'RE SHAMELESS!!

SO *YOU* MADE US LATE BY TAKING SO LONG TO GET PATCHED UP!
BUT YOU'RE STILL TECHNICALLY INJURED, AND MY ROYAL DUTY REQUIRES ME TO OFFER AID TO THOSE IN NEED, SO...I SUPPOSE I HAVE NO CHOICE.

RE-BECCA...
TUG-TUG

OKAY, LUCCA WILL RIDE WITH ME! ASH AND ECO, YOU'LL DRAW STRAWS!!
HUUUH?!!

ALL RIGHT, EVERY-ONE!!
HEY! ECO!
SOB...
ARE WE READY TO RIDE ?!!
WATCH THE HANDS!!
I GOT LEFT OUT...


AND WE'RE OFF!!!
ST-STOP...!
AAAAH!
SO THESE LUMPS OF MEAT HAVE SOME KIND OF MAGIC THAT WIPES THE MALE BRAIN, RIGHT?!
WHAT THE HECK ARE YOU DOING, ECO?!

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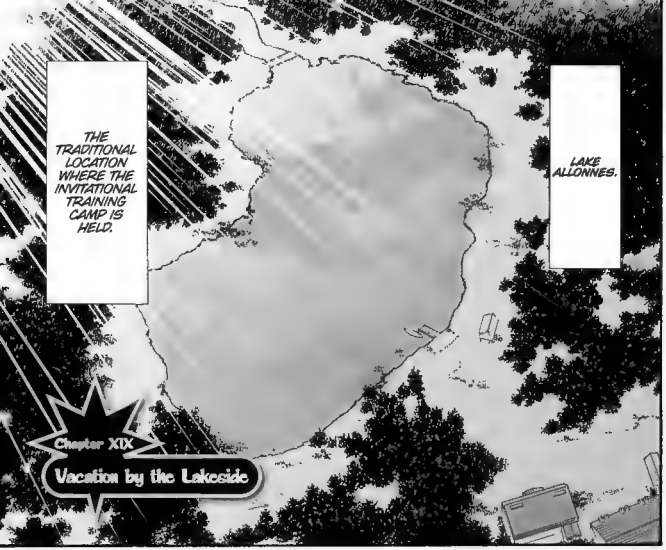
THE TRADITIONAL LOCATION WHERE THE INVITATIONAL TRAINING CAMP IS HELD.
LAKE ALLONNES.
Chapter XIX
Vacation by the Lakeside

AND JUST TO ITS NORTH, SITUATED ATOP A SMALL HILL...
STANDS THE WILLINGHAM MAUSOLEUM, WHERE DRAGONS GO TO THEIR REST.

THE LAKE IS IN THE HEART OF THE MAGNIFICENT NOG FOREST, WHERE PLANTS CONTAINING ASTRAL GROW WILD.

LISTEN UP, EVERYONE!!
THE INVITATIONAL TRAINING CAMP IS AN EXTREMELY SPECIAL EVENT!
MEMBERS OF THE RENOWNED LAUTREAMONT DRAGONAR COMPANY HAVE ALL MADE THEIR MARK HERE.
MAKE SURE TO GET PLENTY OF REST SO YOU'RE READY FOR TOMORROW!
CROSSING THIS THRESHOLD IS A VITAL STEP TO BECOMING A DRAGONAR...
AND I HOPE YOUR PRESENCE HERE MEANS YOU'RE ALL AIMING FOR THE TOP!
WOW, EVERYONE'S SO SERIOUS.
THERE'S NO WAY I'LL BE ABLE TO KEEP UP.
THAT SAID...

THERE'S ALSO GOING TO BE TIME FOR...
GRIN
A BIT OF FUN IN THE SUN!!
YEEEEAAAAAH!!
HA HA! YOU'RE A LIFESAVER, REBECCA.

I'M GOING ON AHEAD!
HEY! WHAT'S TAKING YOU SO LONG?!
NO...
WAIT A MINUTE ...!
IT'S SO FLATTERING ON YOU, ECO!

I HAVE TO PRAISE YOU FOR SATISFYING A DRAGON'S REFINED TASTES!
Why, how kind of you to say so.
Ugh
I WOULD'VE BEEN HAPPY WITH A SWIMSUIT LIKE THAT TOO!
ACK!
WELL, YOU...! THIS...!
HAVEN'T YOU FINISHED CHANGING YET, PRINCESS?
I'M THE FOURTH PRINCESS OF A GLORIOUS KNIGHTDOM!
AND THIS SWIMSUIT IS JUST...!
HMM? AREN'T YOU READY, SYLVIA?
NO, NOT Y--
!!
WELL, I'M HEADING DOWN. YOU SHOULD GET A MOVE ON.

VIVID IMAGINATION
HMMM...
I WONDER IF THERE'S A MAN ALIVE WHO WOULDN'T FALL FOR THOSE CHARMS...
BUT SHE'S GOT THE MOST INCREDIBLE BODY! NO ONE CAN COMPETE!
I... I'M NOT LACKING IN THAT DEPARTMENT...
FORGIVE ME, PRINCESS, BUT AT THIS RATE I FEAR I'LL HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO HELP YOU GET CHANGED...
SWAY...
AUGH! NO! WHY'D THAT MAKE ME THINK OF HIM?!
AHHHH...
FINALLY, I CAN KICK BACK AND RELAX.
I'M STILL RECOVERING, TECHNICALLY!
LIAR!!
HEE HEE HEE! ♡
YOU'RE NOT AFRAID OF ANYTHING!!

I HAVEN'T SEEN LUCCA AROUND.
SHE PRETTY MUCH HOLED UP IN HER ROOM AS SOON AS WE GOT HERE.
THERE'S REBECCA ...!
OOH!
WOW!
I DON'T HAVE SWIM TRUNKS, BUT I GUESS IT DOESN'T MATTER.
Wheee!
Yay!
Eeee!
I'VE GOTTA THINK ABOUT MY STAR MARK, AFTER ALL.
I REALLY HOPE SHE AND GAWAIN CAN SORT THINGS OUT.
SNEAK
OH, ASH ~!!!
GLOMP
HEH HEH! WHAT'RE YOU DOING ALL BY YOURSELF?
YOU SHOULD COME FOR A RIDE WITH ME!
LOOM...
GAH ?!
JESSICA?!
UH... YOU KNOW, I THINK I WANT TO JUST RELAX HERE FOR A WHILE...

WE... WE GET TO SEE THE PRESIDENT IN HER SWIMSUIT...!
I'LL REMEMBER THIS FOREVER!
A FEW MINUTES OF PEACE AND QUIET.
I CAN FINALLY HAVE...
PHEW.
AAAAAAH!
ASH --?!
AH HA HA HA HA!
THIS HYDRA IS THE MAIN ATTRACTION AT THIS WATERING HOLE!
ASH! LET'S THINK OF THIS AS A HONEYMOON ON THE OPEN WATER!!

THE PRINCESS --!!
GOOD GRIEF, SHE'S AT IT AGAIN.
PUT ME DOWN ...!
I CAN'T DO THAT, SILLY BOY! WE'RE JUST ABOUT TO EMBARK ON A VOYAGE OF LOVE!
THAT GIRL DOES NOT KNOW HOW TO SIT STILL.
WOW
OOOH
HMM?
THAT MANY GUYS IN A CROWD...
USUALLY MEAN REBECCA'S THERE, BUT THAT'S NOT WHERE SHE--

AAAAH --!
THERE'S NOTHING SPECIAL ABOUT HER!
.....!!
HMPH! PEOPLE THINK SHE'S SO AMAZING JUST BECAUSE OF HER PEDIGREE.
UGH... THIS SWIMSUIT'S RIDING UP AGAIN!
Horribly Self-Conscious
WHY, THAT LITTLE ....!!
DRIP...
.....
WAS THAT... JESSICA AND ASH?
SCAMPER SCAMPER
HEY --!!
WAIT UP!!

HUFF... HUFF...!
THOSE MEANIES!
I CAN'T CATCH UP WITH THEM...!
WELL, OBVIOUSLY NOT.
NOTHING IN THE WORLD IS FASTER IN THE WATER THAN A HYDRA.
I'M...
OH, I... I'M SORRY.
I DIDN'T MEAN ANYTHING BY THAT.
HUH?
I'M A DRAGON TOO, BUT...
.....!
OH, NO, THAT'S OKAY.
BUT--
I CAN ACCEPT REALITY.

!
OKAY... SYLVIA?
AND ANYWAY...
INSTEAD OF WORRYING ABOUT THAT, YOU SHOULD HELP ME GET BACK AT HER!
SHE'S NEVER CALLED ME BY NAME BEFORE!
I COULD USE AN EXTRA HAND.
ALL RIGHT!
LET'S DO IT!!

WAAAGGHHH!
FWOOOOSH
AH HA HA HA! NO ONE CAN HOLD US BACK TODAY!
AWW, THAT'S NOT GOOD!
THE OTHER HYDRAS ARE BLOCKING OUR WAY!
THEN WE HAVE NO CHOICE!
RAISE
I'LL CALL LANCELOT FOR HELP TOO!
PANT PANT
.....
LISTEN, ALL OF YOU!
I NEED YOU TO...
CLEAR A PATH THIS INSTANT !!

SHIFT
HUH...?

LANCELOT?!
BUT... BUT WHAT JUST--?!
FWSSSH
.....!

ECO...?

ECO...?

BUT WHAT WAS THAT EARLIER...?
IT WAS LIKE ALL THE DRAGONS WERE ECO'S SERVANTS OR SOMETHING.

THAT WAS A HUGE SURPRISE FOR EVERYONE.

GUESS I'LL GO GET SOME WATER.
.....

SNDDDDRE...
AND THEN THERE'S THE MYSTERY OF HOW ONE GUY CAN SNORE SO LOUDLY...

ECO?
.....!

ER, MAYBE I SHOULDN'T DISTURB HER.
SHE WAS PROBABLY AS SURPRISED AS EVERYONE ELSE.
HEY, E---
.....
ECO, WHAT...
ARE YOU REALLY ...?
SHE HAS A HUMAN SHAPE...
AND SOMETIMES SHE'S SO ELEGANT!
AND THEN... THERE'S THAT.
IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE THAT...
SHE WAS BORN FROM INSIDE ME.

C'MON, SELF, STOP GETTING DEPRESSED OVER NOTHING.
TMP
HA HA...
TMP
RIGHT! WATER!
HUH?
IS THAT...
LUCCA?
AND I DON'T KNOW WHY...
BUT RIGHT NOW SHE FEELS SO DISTANT FOR SOME REASON.

WHY'S SHE UP ALONE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT?
AND SHE'S HEADING FOR THE OAK FOREST--!
THAT'S FINE DURING THE DAY...
RUSTLE
BUT THEY TOLD US IT'S TOO DANGEROUS AT NIGHT!
HEY...!
BANG
WAIT!!
AW, COME ON!
I HOPE SHE'S NOT HAVING ANY WEIRD IDEAS OR ANY-THING!!
HUFF...
HUFF...
.....!

GAWAIN, PLEASE --!
PLEASE STOP TURNING AWAY FROM ME!
GAWAIN...
SO HE'S BEEN RESTING HERE SINCE WE ARRIVED, HUH?
I WAS SO THRILLED WHEN YOU WERE BORN...
SPLISH
AND WHEN YOU BECAME A MAESTRO!
.....
YOU'RE MY FAMILY!

GAWAIN, PLEASE --!
GAWAIN...
SO HE'S BEEN RESTING HERE SINCE WE ARRIVED, HUH?

PLEASE STOP TURNING AWAY FROM ME!
I WAS SO THRILLED WHEN YOU WERE BORN...
SPLISH
AND WHEN YOU BECAME A MAESTRO!
.....
YOU'RE MY FAMILY!

SPLISH
FLINCH
GLARE
.....!
RUSTLE
YOU...
FOR ME...
LUCCA ...?
I NEED YOU!
B-BUT...
SPLASH
GRAAAAAR!

SN-
SNIFF.
SOB.
NNH
...!
WH...
WHY...?
SNIFF...
SNARL
STAND
BACK...
LUCCA.
!

THAT'S NOT WHY I'M HERE.
"THE MAN WHO CAN RIDE ANY DRAGON," HUH? YEAH, RIGHT.
YOU CAN'T --!
NO! GO BACK!! IT'S TOO RISKY FOR YOU TO TRY RIDING HIM AGAIN!!
I DON'T EVEN KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT MY OWN STEED.
.....!
NOTHING GIVES ME THE RIGHT TO MEDDLE IN OTHER PEOPLE'S BUSINESS.
I KNOW DRAGONS AND HUMANS DON'T SPEAK THE SAME LANGUAGE...
BUT...

WHAM

YOU CAN STILL TELL WHEN SOMEONE'S CRYING!
YOU AT LEAST KNOW THAT MUCH, DON'T YOU?!
.....

YOU CAN STILL TELL WHEN SOMEONE'S CRYING!

.....
YOU AT LEAST KNOW THAT MUCH, DON'T YOU?!

OH...
NOW I'VE DONE IT.
I FEEL LIKE EVERY BIT OF ME IS BEING SMASHED TO PIECES.
TAKING HIM ON WITHOUT AN ARK...? WHAT AN IDIOT I AM!

EVER GET TO SEE YOU AGAIN...?
WILL I...
THIS IS WHAT I GET FOR STICKING MY NOSE IN, I GUESS.
AT THAT MOMENT ...
ECO...
FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MY LIFE...

I TRULY WANTED TO BECOME ...
A MAN WHO COULD RIDE DRAGONS.

DRAGONAR
ACADEMY

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WHERE AM I?
UNH...
DID I...
DIE...?
Chapter XX
An Unfamiliar Space

GAH !!!
ARE YOU AWAKE ...?
I- I KNOW YOU!
YOU'RE NAVI --!
HEE HEE!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE...?
OR-- IF YOU'RE HERE, AM I DREAMING?

HEE!
OH, IT'S NO DREAM.
TH-THEN DOES THAT MEAN...
I'M IN THE OTHER WORLD?
THIS IS THE DRAGON'S WORKSHOP.
IT'S A PLACE WHERE DRAGONS COME TO CRAFT THEIR WORK.
YOU'RE STILL VERY MUCH ALIVE, ALTHOUGH...
ONLY YOUR SPIRIT IS HERE.
HUH?
THAT'S ALWAYS HOW ECO COMES HERE.
!

DO YOU KNOW...
WHAT ECO IS, EXACTLY ...?
LIM, NAVI?
ECO...
Kyuuu...!
I--
THIS IS GAWAIN!
WHO?!
?!
LIM, WHAT IS THAT?!

TWITCH
SO RIGHT NOW, I COULD PULVERIZE YOU, COULDN'T I?
.....
EVEN MAESTROS ARE STILL VERY YOUNG.
SO HERE, HE WEARS THIS FORM.
I SEE.
%@@@#
.....
BUT MAYBE NOT.
AND SO IS LUCCA.
I THINK YOU GUYS MAKE AN AWESOME PAIR.
Kyu...
I LOST FAIR AND SQUARE BACK THERE.
YOU'RE IMPRESSIVE, YOU KNOW?
THIS LITTLE ONE...
HAS SOMETHING HE WANTS TO TELL YOU ABOUT THAT.
HUH?

HE CALLED YOU HERE IN ORDER TO TALK TO YOU.
HE WANTS TO TELL YOU THAT...
LUCCA IS HIS ONLY MASTER.
!
THEN WHY IS HE REJECTING HER?!
HE SAYS THAT...
ENTIRELY FOR HER OWN SAKE.
THREE MONTHS AGO...
LUCCA TOOK A NASTY FALL OFF HIS BACK.

I DARESAY THAT'S WHEN SHE STOPPING ATTENDING CLASS.
CHIEL
ANYONE WHO WISHES TO BECOME THE HEAD OF THE EKBLATT TRIBE MUST LEARN IT.
THEY MUST BE ABLE TO TAKE TO THE SKIES WITH THEIR DRAGON...
AND PERFORM THE MAGIC DANCE.
BUT LUCCA NEVER MENTIONED IT.
EVEN REBECCA DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT THAT!
ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH THE DRAGON DANCE?

LUCCA FEARED THAT IF SHE ADMITTED TO FALLING...
DURING SUCH AN IMPORTANT RITUAL, IT WOULD BE TOO SHAMEFUL.
BUT THAT'S NOT THE REAL PROBLEM.
THE FALL ITSELF CARVED FEAR INTO HER HEART, AND THAT FEAR STILL HAUNTS HER.
!

NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT...
FLINCH
SHAKE
IT DID SEEM LIKE LUCCA WAS AFRAID OF GAWAIN.
SHAKE

IF SHE TRIED TO PERFORM THE DRAGON DANCE WHILE CONSUMED BY FEAR...
SHE COULD EASILY DIE IN THE ATTEMPT.
SO YOU'RE SAYING...
GAWAIN WON'T LET LUCCA RIDE WHILE SHE'S SO FRAGILE? HE'S PROTECTING HER?

Kyuuuu...
Wiggle Wiggle
I KNOW HOW IT MUST SEEM, BUT FOR SUCH A YOUNG DRAGON, IT'S THE BEST HE COULD COME UP WITH.
HAVE YOU HEARD OF A PICTURE BOOK CALLED THE DRAGON OF WILLINGHAM?
YEAH, I THINK SO.
IT'S A TRAGIC TALE OF A YOUNG DRAGON NAMED NUAZA.
NUAZA BECAME A MAESTRO AT A VERY YOUNG AGE.
BUT SHE SOON LEARNED THAT THE YOUNG GIRL WHO WAS HER MASTER WAS GRAVELY ILL.
IN ORDER TO EASE THE STRAIN ON HER MASTER...
NUAZA CHOSE TO CLOSE OFF THE ASTRAL FLOW BETWEEN THEM.
NUAZA QUICKLY WEAKENED.
AND IN ORDER TO SPARE HER MASTER THE PAIN OF WATCHING HER DIE...
SHE QUIETLY DISAP-PEARED...
AND WENT TO REST AT THE WILLINGHAM MAUSOLEUM.
RIGHT. THE STORY SAYS THAT...
THE GIRL MADE A FULL RECOVERY, AND NUAZA TOOK HER LAST BREATH AT THE MAUSOLEUM.
IT WOULD SEEM THIS LITTLE ONE READ THAT BOOK WITH LUCCA LONG AGO.

BUT...
YOU'RE A GOOD GUY.
SO YOU DECIDED TO PROTECT LUCCA THE SAME WAY NUAZA PROTECTED HER MASTER, HUH...?
IT'S SUCH A SAD STORY.
THE GIRL FROM THE STORY FELT WHEN SHE WAS LEFT BEHIND?!
DID YOU EVER STOP TO THINK HOW...
LISTEN, GAWAIN!
YOU REALLY ARE STILL A KID, AREN'T YOU?

DON'T BLAME HIM.
IT WAS ALL HE COULD DO, ASH.
IN THIS PARTICULAR SITUATION...
IT'S A WEAKNESS IN LUCCA'S HEART CAUSING THE PROBLEM.
AN ILLNESS CAN'T BE CONTROLLED OR PUT ASIDE.
.....!
BUT FEAR CAN BE BANISHED.
I... I SEE.
I'M SORRY, GAWAIN.
THE TRUTH IS, I'M THE SAME WAY.
I'M WEAK TOO. I FEEL LIKE I CAN'T EVEN HOLD MY HEAD UP AROUND MY STEED.
I GUESS EVEN IF A PAIR SEEMS LIKE A PERFECT TEAM...
THEY STILL HAVE THINGS TO DEAL WITH, DON'T THEY?

THEY'RE STRUGGLING JUST LIKE EVERYONE ELSE.
AND THAT'S WHY...
YOU...
SHOULD LEARN TO RIDE ME SOON. OKAY?
NAVI ...?!
WHAT'S GOING ON...?
HURRY, ASH.
MY HEAD FEELS LIKE--
GAWAIN HAS ONLY...
FIVE DAYS LEFT TO LIVE.

YOU HAVE THAT LONG TO HELP LUCCA.
.....
.....
HMM?

L...
LUCCA ...?
RECOIL
AAAAAGH!
STIR
NNH?
OH, YOU'RE AWAKE. THAT'S GOOD.
WH- WHY ARE YOU N-NAK--
WAIT, WHY AM I NAKED?!
AND ALL BANDAGED UP?!
BECAUSE YOU GOT BADLY CHILLED.
OH...
I- I SEE. THANKS.

CRINGE
SIT UP
GAWAIN'S GOING TO DIE IN FIVE DAYS!!
LUCCA! WE'RE RUNNING OUT OF TIME!!
JOLT
TODAY'S THE SIXTH DAY OF THE TRAINING CAMP.
HOW LONG HAVE I BEEN OUT?
YOU NEED TO KNOW HOW GAWAIN FEELS ABOUT YOU!!
LISTEN TO ME, LUCCA!
THAT MEANS IT'S THE LAST DAY! SO I'VE BEEN SLEEPING FOR...!
WHA--?!

THAT CAN'T BE---!
GAWAIN ...!
FOR ME...?
HE'D LET HIMSELF DIE...
TO PROTECT ME?!
YOU NEED TO GET A GRIP, LUCCA!!
LOOK, I KNOW YOU'RE NOT WEAK INSIDE!
REMEMBER THAT DETERMINATION YOU SHOWED WHEN YOU SAID YOU'D COME TO THE CAMP?!
YOU NEED TO FIND IT AGAIN AND USE IT NOW!

THAT'S GOOD TO SEE.
IF GAWAIN SEES YOU LOOKING LIKE THAT, I BET HE'LL SOFTEN TOWARD YOU RIGHT AWAY.
.....
OKAY!
WE WEREN'T INTRUDING, WERE WE, ASH?
HUH?
.....
I'd better hurry up and get dressed.
LUCCA, I'M SO GLAD FOR YOU!
I'M GOING TO HIM!!

GRRR!
YOU SCUM...! GOING AFTER A LITTLE GIRL LIKE HER--!
MY HOUSE'S FAMILY MOTTO IS THAT THE ENEMIES OF WOMEN MUST BE CUT DOWN!!
GRRRRRR
R-REBECCA?!
PRIN-CESS?!
HEE HEE! SORRY.
AHEM!
THAT'S WHAT I'D LIKE TO SAY.
OUCH!
I'M SURE LUCCA WILL BE FINE--
UM... WHERE'S ECO?
BUT I HEARD EVERYTHING YOU TWO TALKED ABOUT...
SO I'LL SAVE IT FOR ANOTHER TIME.
AND YOU'RE IN PRETTY SORRY SHAPE RIGHT NOW.
PRIN-CESS ...!!
YOU WEREN'T ALLOWED TO HAVE VISITORS, SO I'M AFRAID SHE WAS WORRIED SICK.
SHE HADN'T BEEN GETTING MUCH SLEEP THE PAST FEW DAYS, SO SHE MUST'VE BEEN EXHAUSTED.

ECO...
BAM
GAWAIN --!
ARE THEY DESTINED FOR A TRAGIC ENDING AFTER ALL? LIKE IN THAT STORY?
DAMN!
WOBBLE...
ASH, LIE DOWN! YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO BE UP YET!
NO, DON'T TELL ME...!
HE'S GONE!
I CAN'T FIND HIM ANY-WHERE!!
HUH?! WHERE COULD HE HAVE GONE?!

GAWAIN'S AT THE MAUSOLEUM!!
HE'S GOING TO DIE!!!
JUST LIKE THE YOUNG DRAGON FROM THE PICTURE BOOK!!
LIKE... LIKE NUAZA?! FROM THE FAIRYTALE ?!!
NO, STOP... THAT STORY BREAKS MY HEART!
Nooo...
UH, PRINCESS?
HE'S AT WILLINGHAM MAUSOLEUM...?
ACTUALLY, DR. CORNWELL'S GONE OFF ON AN EXPEDITION THERE...
BUT SHE LEFT SIX DAYS AGO AND ISN'T BACK YET.
AND TO MAKE THINGS MORE WORRYING, I HEAR THERE'S BEEN A SUSPICIOUS MAN IN A MASK SEEN AROUND THE FOREST.
A MAN IN A MASK...!!

EVERYONE HERE WORKED SO HARD, AND IT'S THE BIG MOMENT OF FUN TO WRAP THINGS UP. YOU'RE THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT, SO IT'D BE WRONG FOR YOU NOT TO BE THERE.
YOU CAN'T, REBECCA. ISN'T IT TRADITION TO SET OFF FIREWORKS ON THE LAST DAY OF THE TRAINING CAMP?
WE HAVE TO GET THERE RIGHT NOW!
DASH
WAIT! IF YOU'RE GOING, SO AM I!!
BUT, ASH--
FWIP
LEAVE IT TO ME, PRESIDENT.
I'LL ESCORT THIS FOOL TO THE MAUSOLEUM.
PRIN-CESS...
THANK YOU, SYLVIA. I'M COUNTING ON YOU.
KNIGHTS HAVE TO DO ANYTHING IN THEIR POWER TO HELP PEOPLE IN NEED!!
.....
DOG...?

LET'S GO!
ゴオオオオ
GROOOOAR
オオオオ
ROOOAR
WE'VE GOT TO GET TO THE MAUSOLEUM RIGHT AWAY!!
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT...!!

I'VE BEEN IN THIS MAUSO-LEUM FOR SIX DAYS...
AND I ONLY FOUND THIS HIDDEN ROOM BY GETTING *LOST* ON MY LAST DAY HERE...?!
I NEVER IMAGINED THERE'D BE ANYTHING LIKE THIS ROOM *HERE*--!
IS... IS IT POSSIBLE THAT THIS IS...
THE TESTAMENT OF THE STARS...?

NO.
I ASSURE YOU, IT'S A TRUE HISTORICAL EVENT.
GULP...
INCREDIBLE--!
IS IT THE GENUINE ARTICLE?
THERE ARE TWO GREAT BLOODLINES DESCENDED FROM IMBOLC, THE WISE DRAGON KING.
AVALON, THE IMPERIAL HOUSE OF THE HOLY DRAGONS, AND NEHALENNIA, THE ROYAL HOUSE OF THE DARK DRAGONS...
?
AND THE BATTLE WAGED ETERNALLY BETWEEN THE TWO HOUSES...
THIS IS A TALE FROM THE OLD KINGDOM ERA, ISN'T IT? BUT I THOUGHT IT WAS A MYTH...

TURN
WHO'S THERE ?!!
A GRAVE ROBBER ...?
NO, THAT DOESN'T SEEM RIGHT...
BACK IN ANCIENT DAYS...
WHEN THE ZONO TON CIVILIZATION FIRST CAME INTO EXISTENCE HERE ON THE ARK STRADA CONTINENT...
THE TWO HOUSES WERE AT WAR.
THE MASKED MAN AND A GIRL OF THE TANTAROS TRIBE...!!
CLINK
YOU TWO WERE SEEN NEAR THE ACADEMY ...!
BUT WHAT POSSIBLE INTEREST COULD YOU HAVE IN A HISTORIC RUIN LIKE THIS?
.....

FWST
WHAT ...?
IF YOU'RE PLANNING TO UNLEASH THE CRIMSON DRAGON BREATH...
I WOULD THINK AGAIN... ANN.
UHH --!
HIS VOICE... AND APPEAR-ANCE...
IS IT POSSIBLE --?
"ANN"...
CALLING ME...

WHAT SHOULD ... WE DO WITH HER?
LEAVE HER BE. WE SHOULD BEGIN.
ARE WE...
REALLY GOING TO DO IT *HERE*?
THUD
ARE ...!
YOU...
NATURALLY.
AFTER ALL, THERE'S NO BETTER PLACE IN THE WORLD...

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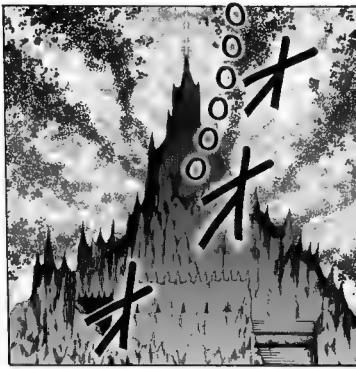
FOR A NECRO-MANCIA!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GLEAM
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BRIISH

GAWAIN!
I'M COMING FOR YOU!!
WHAT ON EARTH IS GOING ON?!
LIM...

LET THIS BLADE SERVE AS A GRAVE MARKER FOR ALL OF YOU!
YOU PATHETICALLY TINY WORLD...!
PRINCESS.
COME IF YOU DARE...

RUMBLE
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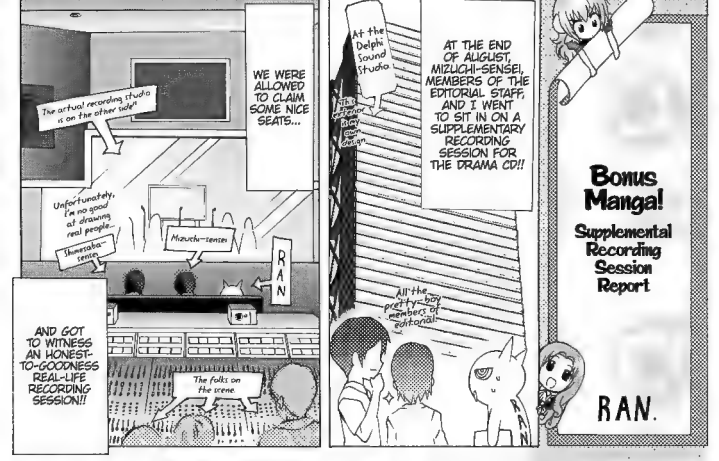
Bonus Manga!
Supplemental Recording Session Report
RAN.
AT THE END OF AUGUST, MIZUCHI-SENSEI, MEMBERS OF THE EDITORIAL STAFF, AND I WENT TO SIT IN ON A SUPPLEMENTARY RECORDING SESSION FOR THE DRAMA CD!!
At the Delphi Sound Studio
All the pretty boy members of editorial!
WE WERE ALLOWED TO CLAIM SOME NICE SEATS...
The actual recording studio is on the other side!
Unfortunately, I'm no good at drawing real people.
Mizuchi-sensei
Ikenaraba-sensei
RAN
The folks on the scene
AND GOT TO WITNESS AN HONEST-TO-GOODNESS REAL-LIFE RECORDING SESSION!!

FIRST UP WAS TAKEHITO KOYASU-SAN, WHO PLAYS MILGAUSS.
DUE TO HIS BUSY SCHEDULE, HE'D RECORDED MOST OF HIS LINES EARLIER.
It was the scene where Milgauss and Ash face off!
THE PERFORMANCE WAS AMAZING! I GOT TO HEAR MILGAUSS SOUNDING SO COOL AND DREAMY!!
IT WAS AMAZING TO SEE HOW GOOD-LOOKING THE VOICE ACTORS WERE.
Playing the role of Ash, Koyi Takahashi-san.
In the role of Eco, Mariya Ise-san.
THEIR GREETINGS WERE ALL SO CUTE AND COOL!!
NOW THEN, ON TO THE ACTUAL RECORDING SESSION!!

I GOT TO EXPERIENCE HEARING ALL OF THE DRAGONAR CHARACTERS BEING BROUGHT TO LIFE RIGHT IN FRONT OF ME!
There are only three microphone stands, so they take turns recording.
AND SO IT BEGINS!!
AS YOU'D EXPECT WITH PROFESSIONALS, THERE'S SO MUCH INTENSITY IN THEIR VOICES THAT WHEN YOU'RE RIGHT THERE WITH THEM, YOU TINGLE ALL OVER!
SERIOUSLY, YOU CAN HEAR THEM SO CLEARLY.
Inoue-san's Rebecca had such a big heart.
Takahashi-san took total command of his performance of Ash, despite having so many lines and having to shout so much.

IT ALL STARTED WITH A DREAM SEQUENCE BETWEEN NAVI AND ASH!!
HEE HEE! THERE'S NO USE TRYING TO RUN.
DON'T!
MY HEART WAS POUNDING OUT OF MY CHEST AT HEARING THEM PERFORM THE SCENE WITH ONLY THEIR VOICES!
AND IT WASN'T JUST THE DIALOGUE AS WRITTEN.
IT WAS ALSO THE AD-LIBBED LINES, AND THE WAY EVEN THEIR BREATHING CONVEYED THEIR FEELINGS DURING ASH'S NARRATION.
NN...
NNH... ASH
HEE! NAVI
THAT'S WHAT I REMEMBER THE MOST CLEARLY.
RAN

Do you not...
Sort your trashhhhhhhhhhh?!
MY PERSONAL FAVORITES FROM THE SESSION WERE MAX AND COSETTE.
I GOT THE IMPRESSION THAT THEY WERE UNIQUE. I WAS INSPIRED BY THEIR PERFORMANCES!
Tee hee!
TO THE MOMENT OF ECO'S BIRTH, THERE WERE SO MANY KEY MOMENTS IN DRAGONAR!
Sylvia is stern, but so cute.
Unfortunately, they didn't record any of the dragon sounds this session.
FROM THE SCENE WHERE ASH AND SYLVIA COMPETE IN A DRAGON RACE...
I LISTENED TO EACH AND EVERY WORD, AND THEY'RE BURNED INTO MY MEMORY FOREVER!
AND THEN, FROM ECO'S BIRTH TO THE SCENE AT THE ACADEMY AND THE BATTLE WITH ANGELA, THE STORY KICKED INTO HIGH GEAR ALL AT ONCE!!
FOR EXAMPLE, A NORMAL ANGELA VERSUS A FUNNY ANGELA.
WITH EACH TAKE THEY RECORDED, THE ACTORS REALLY SHOWED OFF WHOLE NEW SIDES TO THEIR CHARACTERS.
Way to go, pros...!
ROGER!
Okay, let's try that again, but we'll do it a bit differently.

DID YOU MANAGE TO FIND ME?
BOOM!
THAT'S WHAT HE SAID.
I THINK KOYASU-SAN LEFT THE BIGGEST IMPRESSION, WITH JUST A FEW WORDS DURING THE CHARACTER CREDITS.
I can't tell who's who anymore
CHATTER CHATTER
AND THE BACKGROUND CHATTER RECORDING WAS A LOT MORE AMAZING THAN I EXPECTED, TOO!
AND THAT IS HOW DRAGONAR ACADEMY CAME TO LIFE!
FROM HERE ON, I'M DEFINITELY GOING TO DRAW ON THE INSPIRATION I WAS GIVEN DURING THE RECORDING SESSION AS I KEEP WORKING ON THE MANGA!
THAT'S HOW MUCH IMPACT THAT AMAZING PERFORMANCE HAD ON ME!!
RAN
DRAGONAR ACADEMY WILL KEEP GETTING BETTER AND BETTER, SO PLEASE STICK WITH US!!!

DRAGONAR
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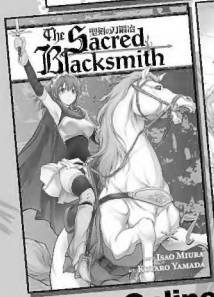

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